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In the application of:

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For: METHOD OF EXTRACTING NUCLEIC
ACIDS USING PARTICULATE
CARRIER

Examiner: S. Chunduru

Group Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003 please amend this
application as follows:

The amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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